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## MEDIA ADVISORY

## TOSHA SENDS 15 WORKERS TO NEW YORK TO HELP WITH WORLD TRADE CENTER CLEAN UP EFFORTS

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Michael E. Magill announces 15 Tennessee OSHA employees will help with World Trade Center clean up in New York. The federal government has requested Tennessee's help with this effort and will pay all expenses of the 15 Tennessee OSHA occupational safety specialists and industrial hygienists.

The occupational safety specialists will identify and correct safety hazards like fall protection and equipment safety. The industrial hygienists will be monitoring the air to identify contaminants and chemical hazards that may affect the workers health. They will also be fit testing workers for respirators to assure the workers have the correct and properly fitting respirators.

The operation will be 24 hours and our people will be working all shifts. All of the workers have volunteered for this effort

The workers will be in New York working 8-12 hour shifts for one week each until May.

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